

ORIGINAL COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall 1997
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OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

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Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify the ways in which history is applied to particular work settings outside the academic environment;
- Enhance their employment opportunities, by developing their applied skills, work experience, and contacts with local employers;
- Reflect critically on their work experience;
- Present on their work experience to others.

Prior Learning	Assessment and	I Recognition	(PLAR)
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Typical Instructional Methods (guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.; may vary at department's discretion)

Students are placed with local companies, institutions, or organizations to hone applied skills and gain experience in the workplace.

Practica placement:

Due to the organizational needs of a practicum-based course, initial discussions regarding possible practica placement sites begin well before the semester starts. Students interested in a HIST 401 practicum and faculty supervisor meet well in advance of the semester to discuss possible practica sites and the nature of the course and its expectations. A Practicum Placement Agreement must be signed between the practicum site supervisor and the UFV History department head outlining the obligations and responsibilities for the term of the practicum before the practicum can go ahead.

Practicum:

After an initial meeting between the student, faculty supervisor, and practicum site supervisor, the student is required to work 8 hours a week in their arranged practicum for the next eleven to twelve weeks. The parameters of the practicum will be set out in detail in the Learning Agreement that is drafted in discussions between the student, faculty supervisor, and practicum site supervisor. The Learning Agreement will accomplish the following:

- 1. define the goals the student hopes to achieve;
- 2. specify the major project undertaken in the practicum and the general work tasks;
- 3. specify the work schedule and location; and
- 4. identify the individual who will serve as supervisor for the student.

The student will also keep a daily work Journal of her/his practicum experience. In the Journal the student will keep a record of the work done, the progress of the major project, and the new skills acquired. The Journal is also to reflect on how the organization/institution functions, the values and practices within it, and on how history is represented. The Journal, which is submitted for grading after the completion of the practicum and will be consulted during the weekly progress meetings with the faculty supervisor.

Practicum Project:

The Final Project will be the crowning achievement of the practicum experience. Defined in the Learning Agreement, the Final Project will take whatever form is most appropriate—from written and illustrated reports or pamphlets, to historical videos and multimedia displays, to lesson plans or classroom resources.

Grading system: Letter Grades: ⊠	Credit/No Credit:	Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: Yes <a> No

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Text(s) and Resource Materials (if more space is required, download Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form)

History 401 Practicum Manual

Required Additional Supplies and Materials (software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)

None

Typical Evaluation Methods and Weighting

Final exam:	%	Assignments:	%	Midterm exam:	%	Practicum project:	30%
Quizzes/tests:	%	Lab work:	%	Field experience:	%	Participation:	20%
Practicum journal:	30%	Other:	%	In-term report:	20%	Total:	100%

Details (if necessary):

Typical Course Content and Topics

Course Content will vary according to the Practicum placement. (For details on Practicum process, see Methods above.)